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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CALLS DR. BONSTEEL

Pastorate to Succeed
Rev. P. Q. Cason,
Resigned.

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist church on Wednesday evening following the regular weekly prayer service, and at which Rev. B. E. Jarrett presided, the question of calling a pastor was taken

A motion was made to call the Rev. L. Bonsteel, D. D., pastor at Crescent City. There was but little discussion. One or two thought it might be well to wait until the congregation had heard several more sermons, but they did not press the matter, and those who were satisfied with Dr. Bonsteel pressed the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Dr. Bonsteel preached during the absence of Mr. Cason on his vacation on Sunday, and his sermons were greatly enjoyed by the congregations generally. Leading men and women of the church who met him socially were well pleased with him as a man and they had pretty well made up their minds to secure him for the Palatka church if possible.

The call of the church will be sent immediately to Dr. Bonsteel who is now recreating for a few days at Palm Beach. It has been intimated that the reverend gentleman expected to call and that he had made up his mind to accept it should it come.

For the past fifteen months Dr. Bonsteel has been pastor of the Baptist church at Crescent City and under his pastorate the church there has made wonderful progress. Generally however the people of that place have regarded him as too big a man for the small place and now he has been called to a larger field, while during with him reluctantly, they will feel that it was no more than could be expected and something that was bound to come sooner or later.

The new pastor-elect of the Palatka Baptist church has been but a short time in the ministry. He was a practicing attorney when converted, and soon thereafter he felt a call to preach. He took a general theological course and was graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological College at Louisville, Ky. He came to Florida some two years ago. He is a preacher of much power and of evangelical tendencies. He is not only a good preacher, but he is a practical man of affairs who will know how to work in building up a church. He is a practical man, and something of a mixer, without any of the oilyunction that sometimes gets to the walk and conversation of ministers and which makes the religious and sinners steer clear of contact with them.

Dr. and Mrs. Bonsteel were married last January at the bride's home in Macon, Ga. Mrs. Bonsteel is superintendent of the Woman's Missionary movement in Georgia at that time. She is a charming woman and will be a great aid to her husband in the work of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Bonsteel became acquainted while students in college.

Tom Waldron, Farmer.

Tom Waldron county commissioner from the East Palatka district, brought over some sample ears of corn to the meeting this week and have been on exhibition at the court house. Big ears, and full. Mr. Waldron is a farmer right—an enthusiastic farmer. While other men on the board are head over heels in their political jobs, Tom is thinking of corn, cowpeas, potatoes, hay, etc. He is in love with farming. He has tried politics, but it didn't do him a little bit. He says it detracts from the real business of his life—farming. That is why he decided to be a candidate for reelection this spring.

He showed his corn to The News men. "I have two acres on the farm that I set aside so I can keep track of things better," said he. "This year I put two tons of fertilizer on two acres at a cost of \$42 a ton. The seed potatoes were the only other cost beside the labor. This brought the cost up to \$85. I sold fifty worth of potatoes from this two acre piece, and then planted it in corn; this is some of the corn, which I have been feeding since the middle of July. There were easily 40 bushels in the corn to the acre, or 80 bushels in all. Now I have an excellent crop of pea vines growing on these two acres. Yes, my corn crop on the farm proper is big, and the yield will average fully 30 bushels to the acre."

HENRY HUTCHINSON IS BEING BOOMED

For Secretary of Board of
Trade—A Happy Sug-
gestion.

Someone on Monday night during the meeting of the board of trade—think it was J. L. Burt—suggested that Henry Hutchinson Sr., would make an ideal secretary of the board. On Tuesday it was being talked all along Lemon street in the business district, and was meeting with general approval.

The selection of a secretary will be a matter for the board of governors. That is the only office filled by the governors. It is the only salaried office. The president, vice presidents, and the governors themselves are elected in open meeting by members of the board of trade.

Next Monday night the board of trade will hold a special session for the purpose of making nominations for the various offices. Three outgoing members of the board of governors are to have their places filled. Under the constitution they are ineligible to re-election. Messrs. Burt, Fred Merrill and R. E. L. Mann are holdovers.

At the next regular meeting the election will take place. That will be on Monday evening the 21st inst.

Mr. H. F. Leeks has only been president of the board a short time, to fill a vacancy. He has made a splendid presiding officer and would not have opposition to re-election provided he can be prevailed on to take the place. Usually business men of Mr. Leeks' calibre don't have the time to devote to the work; it requires too much sacrifice. But the board of trade needs revivification, and Mr. Leeks, more than any man we can bring to mind, is the one to do the trick—he and a wise selection of men to fill out the expirations on the board of governors—and then—the wise selection by the governors of a secretary.

Mr. Hutchinson has many qualities to commend him for the position of secretary.

He is a Putnam county man, and a Floridian by birth. He has lived in Putnam county for 50 years. He has been a successful orange grower and farmer. He has a broad acquaintance throughout the State and he knows the county, its soils and its men, as well as the possibilities for advanced methods in soil cultivation. He is a cultured gentleman and if there is a better mixer, or a man who can beat him in impregnating his own ideas and enthusiasm regarding the future of Putnam county and Palatka into the strangers who are coming amongst us always, we don't know who that man can be. Hutchinson is for a Florida advance along all approved lines. He would never be satisfied to let well enough alone; he wants to do better.

The Palatka News can endorse the proposition to make Henry Hutchinson secretary of the board of trade with enthusiasm.

Registration Books Open.

The registration books for the general election will be open each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until the second Saturday in October, at the Court House in Palatka. The precinct books will go out the first Monday in September and will be open by precinct registration officers until the second Saturday in October. Supervisor of Registration Petermann urges all voters to remember that registration for a general election is quite a different thing than that for the primary. That was a party affair, this is for an election, and if not already registered for a general election, you must do so while the books are open.

Miss Lucas Honored.

Miss Kate Lucas who left Palatka on Wednesday will go first to Richmond, Va., for a few days. Just before leaving Miss Lucas received a letter from the secretary of the Southern Progressive Millinery Crowd as follows: "You have been chosen by the S. P. M. C. which meets in Richmond, August 10th to 15th to represent your section of the State. This is a live-wire meet which will include demonstrations of every new fad and fancy in the millinery field. Expert designers of the highest character with actual Parisian training will be in attendance." Miss Lucas accepted the invitation.

On leaving Richmond, Miss Lucas will go to New York to study the styles and make her fall and winter purchases. Miss Lucas was accompanied by Miss Louise Boyd.

RODMAN ROAD BONDS SELL AT PREMIUM

Then Buyers Claim Mistake
Was Made and With-
drew Bid.

At the meeting of the county commissioners on Tuesday, the bid of W. L. Slaton & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, who offered \$81,611.49 for bonds of the Rodman, Orange Springs road tax district, having a par value of \$80,250, was accepted and the bonds were all regularly signed up and turned over to the bank here for delivery.

Late Wednesday afternoon the following telegram was received from Slaton & Co.:

"Chairman Board of County Commissioners, Palatka, Fla.—Telegram received. On return to the city Mr. Slaton discovered that the premium bid should have been a discount. Sorry, but under circumstances cannot use bonds unless premium bid is converted into discount bid of same amount. It will be satisfactory to us if you award bonds to next higher bidder."

"W. L. SLAYTON & CO."

This telegram placed a sort of damp rag on those who had been rejoicing over the sale of these bonds. The price was considered fair.

President R. F. Adams of the East Florida Savings & Trust Co., when asked if the premium price bid for the bonds was not excellent, said: "Well, it's a fair price." And it was a fair price, but—

The telegram was turned over to Attorney A. H. Odum of the board who asked telegraphic advice of the New York bond experts.

Slaton & Co. sent with their bid a certified check for \$2,000, which the board will probably keep as provided in the advertisement for bids. The bid of Slaton & Co. was regularly made and accepted, and the bonds signed and delivered to the bank as requested.

The board spent some time on Thursday afternoon considering this matter, then finally decided to hold Slaton & Co. to their original bid. The \$2,000 will be declared forfeited to the county unless the purchase is consummated.

Excursion to Black Point.

The steamer Crescent will carry an excursion to the Black Point military camp next Sunday, the steamer leaving from the Beach & Miller dock at the foot of Reid street promptly at 7 o'clock a. m. Many people are arranging to enjoy this opportunity to visit the camp.

Delinquent Tax Sale.

On Monday Tax Collector Hancock sold the various delinquent tax lands of the county which had been legally advertised the previous thirty days in the Palatka News. There was quite a crowd present at the sale, but few buyers. Mr. Hancock states that 80 per cent of the lands advertised were turned over to the State.

May Try it in Palatka.

"A band of determined citizens" served notice to leave the county on some persons up around Tallahassee, who were recruiting laborers for northern industries. There is a law on the statute books of Florida covering the matter of enticing labor, and it seems that this might have been successfully invoked instead of the anarchistic movement hinted at. However, when a candidate for Governor boldly proclaims from the stump that should he be not declared elected in November, he will raise a band of 10,000 men and march to the capital and take possession of the Governor's mansion, it is not to be wondered at that disrespect for the law should show itself among the masses. —Lakeland Telegram.

Mr. Chesser Addresses Meeting.

Hon. James M. Chesser of Hollister who was in the city Monday attended the board of trade meeting that evening and was an interested listener to the business of the meeting.

But he was something else. He made an interesting address. Before the meeting closed Mr. Chesser was called on and responded with a nice, entertaining little talk on the importance of co-operation among farmers. His address was listened to with interest and the speaker was heartily applauded at its conclusion. Mr. Chesser is one of the oldest farmers in the county, a Confederate veteran and has already beaten the four score mark by several years.

Henis Gets Deserved Compliment.

Attorney Williams of Gainesville was in the city on Monday representing the Reverend Sidney J. Catts, gubernatorial candidate. Mr. Williams was simply getting the accurate precinct returns on governor from the tally sheets, and in the getting of which he complimented Registration Officer Petermann very highly for the orderly manner in which the records were kept, and the fact that they were all under lock and key. And it's a fact, too, Petermann does keep his records in an orderly manner, and can furnish the desired information in a instant of time.

Mr. Williams expressed himself quite satisfied with the recount in this county. There were no hooks upon which he could hang a charge of fraud.

VALUABLE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BAILEY

By County Commissioners—
Can Shoot Electric Juice
All Over County.

Col. G. Loper Bailey, who is sometimes referred to as "The Sick Man of Palatka," but who is in reality one of the city's most far-seeing and venturesome business men, on Tuesday asked for and received from the board of county commissioners a franchise which has startled some of the Whittlers of Sleepy Hollow.

Mr. Bailey owns Georges Lake, a magnificent sheet of clear spring water on the border of Clay county north of Baywood. He has long suggested that the city of Palatka ought to buy this lake and pipe its waters to this city for beverage and other domestic purposes, but the city would not.

The lake is in the hills, and there is a fall of considerable dimensions toward Etoniah creek. It has therefore occurred to this far-sighted gentleman that this fall could be utilized for purposes of generating an electric current which, had he the franchise, he could distribute for lighting and power purposes to all the people of the county.

Now Mr. Bailey is in position to do this.

On Tuesday Mr. Bailey addressed the following letter of application to the board of county commissioners:

"The Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Palatka, Florida, Gentlemen:—

"Will you kindly grant to me, my successors and assigns, the right and privilege to erect poles along the public roads in Putnam County, Florida and to string thereon wires and other necessary construction to transmit electricity or electric current from one point to another within the said county. It being understood that same shall not be so set as to obstruct or interfere with the common use of said roads or highways.

"Your attention is called to Section 2820, Florida Compiled Laws, 1914, wherein authority is granted to telegraph or telephone companies to erect poles, wires and other fixtures for telegraph and telephone purposes, independent of the action of the County Commissioners. No such right is conferred on companies or individuals to erect poles, wires, etc., for the transmission of electricity, and therefore the right to grant such privilege rests entirely with the County Commissioners.

"Yours faithfully,

"G. LOPEL BAILEY."

G. Loper Bailey will more than likely, with this franchise in his inside pocket, proceed to organize a company that will soon distribute the electric fluid into the "by ways and hedges" and small hamlets of the county, and the citizens thereof will rise up and call him blessed.

The News isn't doing that now; it is simply saying that Mr. Bailey is wise and farsighted in his generation, and that his successors and assigns, whoever they may be, will rise up and say he was shrewd and far-seeing and enterprising, and that when he had a thing, he is a lake or a tax certificate, he generally looked it over from all angles before discarding it. If the thing had any present or prospective good points, he saw them, and either pressed them into instant use or hid them aside for future exploitation.

Republican Bosses to Meet.

Col. George E. Gay of this city, who is one of them, is authority for the information that the Republican State Executive Committee of Florida will meet in this city on Friday, August 18th, at 11 o'clock in the morning. The Republicans are preparing for an aggressive campaign in Florida this year. They have nominated a strong man for governor, Banker Allen of Key West.

Mrs. Pedrick Dies.

Mrs. W. J. Pedrick, Jr., wife of the secretary of the Florida Farms & Home, Inc., of this city, died in New York last Tuesday night, following an operation at one of the city hospitals.

Mrs. Pedrick was a young and most charming woman, who, during the few months of her residence in Palatka, had greatly endeared herself to a large number of friends. She left Palatka last spring to spend the summer north, and few here knew of her illness. Her premature death has cast a shadow over the social circle in which she moved here, and great sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband.

Brownings Off For a Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Browning and their three daughters, the Misses Stella, Winifred and Ruth, left on Wednesday for a long trip of sight seeing. They go direct to San Diego, California, where for a time they will visit their daughter, Mrs. L. E. Bruner. They will go via the southern route and will have opportunity to see the preparations of war, both en route and again at San Diego, which is only a short walk from the Mexican line. On their return they will see Los Angeles and San Francisco, from which place they will take a coast steamer to Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, and from thence return via Yellowstone National Park and to Chicago. Their trip will last till October and contemplates many stops of interest.

J. SLATER SMITH OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS

Wants To Know, You Know,
If We Are Going To Split
Democratic Party.

Green Cove Springs and Clay county is a hot bed of Catts—the nursery of independentism, J. Slater Smith is the Grand Giascutis. J. Slater is writing letters to build sentiment for his chief. He is getting some hot replies. Here is J. Slater's letter, together with the reply he recently received from Hon. J. M. Gornito, State Senator from Lafayette county, himself some democrat:

OFFICE OF J. SLATER SMITH,
Green Cove Springs, July 31st, 1916.
Hon J. M. Gornito, Mayo, Fla.

Dear Sir: Owing to the unusual political conditions now existing in our great State the question naturally arises: Are we going to permit the Democratic party to be split up and torn asunder and allow the Republican or an Independent candidate to be elected Governor of Florida? We must not be too sanguine and sit idly until it is too late. The Republican party, observing present conditions, is beginning the most determined effort it has made in a great many years to elect Mr. Allen and an Independent named Mitchell, who is amply supplied with finances, is taking advantage of the opportunity and launching a most aggressive campaign. The situation is further aggravated by the undemocratic action of Mr. Knott who was defeated in the primary and is now trying to get into the fight as a candidate, which he hopes to do by the questionable and irregular methods now so well known.

Therefore, it behooves us, as true and loyal Democrats, to arouse to the dangers that confront our party and rally to the support of the Democratic nominee, Hon. Sidney J. Catts, and by organized and concentrated effort, elect him Governor on Nov. 7, by a record-breaking majority. At the same time we should condemn with our voices and crush by our activities all questionable and improper methods that are being used to split the party and destroy the integrity of the ballot.

In view of the foregoing and for the purpose of more effectively meeting the demands of the situation, I am, with the approval of Mr. Catts, calling upon you as a loyal Democrat, to undertake at once the organization of a Catts Democratic Campaign Club in your community so that the voters may be organized for action and enabled by this means to carry forward the work of the campaign and meet the unfortunate conditions that now exist, or may develop, and as the time approaches arrange for a fair election and a correct count. We want to get the State organized as rapidly as possible so I would be glad if you would enlist the aid of others of your fellow citizens and form a club at once.

I will be pleased to hear from you promptly.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. S. SMITH.

To this letter Mr. Gornito replied as follows:

Mayo, Fla., Aug. 4, 1916.

Mr. J. S. Smith,

Green Cove Springs, Fla.

Dear Sir: Your circular letter, dated July 31st, is before me, and in reply to same will say, that while I joined with you and others in the fight against what is known as the Sturkie Resolutions, I cannot join in the organization of Catts club, neither do I concur with the expressed views of your letter. In fact, to be perfectly frank with you, I cannot agree with your statement that the methods now being used by Mr. Knott are "questionable and irregular," on the contrary, I consider them legal and legitimate and that he is acting entirely within his legal rights and privileges.

I do not, personally, consider Mr. Catts or anyone else, as being the kind of man we need for Governor who, in view of the absolutely proven irregularities in the count of the second choice votes in the recent primary, would be willing to accept the nomination without an honest recount of those votes. His declaration that he intends to run in the general election, regardless of the result of the proceedings now in progress, puts him out of the Democratic party, and stamps him as unreliable in any way. In meeting the requirements of the primary law, he made oath that he would support the nominee of the party; by declaring that he will run regardless of results, stamps him as a man who has no regard for his oath, or his word, for that matter. I cannot support such a man; it will be a very bitter pill for me to vote for him even if, at the end of these proceedings, he is declared the Democratic nominee.

The only questionable methods that I know of being used in the entire campaign were used by Mr. Catts himself; I am of the opinion that even Mr. Allen is a better Democrat than is Mr. Catts; I certainly have more respect for him and his honesty.

I would suggest that, as a "loyal Democrat," you wait until the result of the recount is compiled and declared before organizing any kind of a club. If Mr. Catts in the legal nominee, there will be no need of Catts Club, as he will have the support of all "Loyal Democrats," even including Mr. Knott, the truest of Democrats, for Mr. Knott, unlike Mr. Catts, will not be in the race unless

STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Called to Meet in Jackson-
ville Thursday, August
24th.

Chairman George P. Raney of Tampa of the State Democratic Executive Committee has issued the following call for a meeting of the committee on the 24th inst., at Jacksonville:

"A meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Florida is hereby called to be held at Jacksonville, Florida, in the Seminole Hotel, at 10:30 in the forenoon on Thursday, the 24th day of August, A. D., 1916, for the purpose of organizing the committee, and particularly to adopt such measures as may be necessary to insure the placing of names of six candidates of the Democratic party for Presidential Electors on the official ballot in the general election of November next, and for such other business as may properly come before the committee.

GEO. P. RANEY,
Chairman.

Wm. Miller Dies Suddenly.

Most of you knew William Miller of Keuka. He was a big, genial gentleman who made frequent business visits to this city from his home at Keuka, near where he was engaged in getting out ties for the A. C. L. Mr. Miller was in Palatka on Monday, leaving for home on the evening train.

Next morning report came that he was dead. Mr. Miller and a Mr. Gornito were on their way to the camp in a light wagon, Mr. Gornito driving. When a short distance from home Mr. Miller fell back dead.

Justice Wimberly of Interlachen held an inquest. Dr. Welch went out with Sheriff Kennerly and on viewing the body said that he had died of natural causes, probably heart failure.

Mr. Miller was 53 years of age and leaves a wife and four children, besides a large circle of friends in Palatka and other points in West Putnam.

Welaka Lady Dies in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Louis I. Stephens, of Welaka, for years a highly esteemed resident of Jacksonville, died in a hospital in that city Sunday morning following an operation. The deceased was stricken seriously ill two weeks ago and was taken there for treatment, accompanied by her son, P. V. Stephens, of New York.

Louis I. Stephens, husband of the deceased, died about eighteen months ago. He was for many years a prominent jeweler of Jacksonville. Grief over the death of her husband hastened the death of his widow.

Mrs. Stephens was originally from New England. She married Mr. Stephens thirty-eight years ago and had been a most devoted wife and mother. Besides her son, she is survived by a brother, L. P. Varnum, of Portland, Me.

Mrs. Stephens, before her marriage, studied medicine at Vassar, but upon her marriage, she abandoned the idea of a professional career. She gave much of her time to the task of assisting her husband in his business. All her life she was a devoted Christian church worker.

The interment was made in Welaka.

Pretty Wedding Ceremony.

The marriage of Miss Bessie LeHardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. LeHardy of this city, to Mr. Benj. B. Dancy was a most charmingly beautiful ceremony of Wednesday afternoon at St. Marks church. The ceremony was at 5 o'clock. There was a beautiful floral bell hanging just in front of the altar, and in other ways the church was most artistically decorated. Rev. William Wylie, archdeacon of the diocese of Florida, and the bride's former pastor, performed the ceremony which made this popular young couple one. Mrs. D. J. Caughan presided at the organ and the bridal party entered during the rendition of the Brial Chorus from Lohengrin. Miss Grace Urie rendered two beautiful solos.

The bride entered on the arm of her father and was met at the altar by the groom. The church was crowded with the friends and relatives of the happy couple.

The bride wore a charming going-away coat suit of navy blue tulle trimmed in gray and wore gray shoes. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left with the groom's cousin, Mr. Edward Dancy of Jacksonville in a motor car for that city, from where they will take a short bridal trip.

These young people are well-known and greatly admired by a host of friends in this city and all will wish them a long and happy wedded life.

Not Necessary.

"Willie, didn't I tell you if I ever caught you fighting again I'd whup you?"

"Yes, ma, but you don't need to do it this time. Jimmie Smith done it already."—Exchange.

he is the nominee. If Mr. Catts is not the nominee how can he and you expect "loyal Democrats" to support him?

Yours truly,
(Signed) J. M. GORNITO.

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